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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON PROPOSED COSTA RICAN ARMS
TRADE TREATY

REF: A. 05 STATE 6101

[1](#)B. SNIDLE-FRISBIE EMAIL 8-29-2006

[1](#)1. Post requests Department's guidance in responding to Costa Rica's latest proposal for a framework treaty on arms trading. Ref A conveyed Department's opposition to Costa Rica's efforts to propose an earlier version of the treaty at the OAS more than a year and a half ago. The original proposal was presented by Oscar Arias, along with six other Nobel Prize winners, in New York in 1997 and was offered as an international code of conduct. Now the proposal has been formatted as an international treaty intended to implement additional requirements over time. The proposal is currently supported by 20 Nobel laureates and the British government, according to an invitation to the Ambassador from Foreign Minister Stagno, dated August 22, 2006 (faxed to WHA/CEN).

[1](#)2. The Ambassador has been invited to a joint Costa Rican-U.K. presentation on the proposed treaty planned for September 5, 2006. Since the Ambassador will out of the capital on that date, Post would plan to be represented at the presentation by the Political Section. Post requests guidance in time for the September 5 event.

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